1	2	3	4
	Dinajpur Uttar Jalpaiguri Maldah Medinipur west Murshidabad Purulia	North 24 Parganas Hooghly Darjiling	
Total	200	113	313

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Pending SEZ proposals

†3657. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of proposals for Special Economic Zones in various States are pending due to the ongoing controversy regarding acquisition of agricultural land and proper compensation package;

(b) if so, State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any action-plan regarding acquisition of land for SEZs, and for providing proper compensation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Various issues relating to Special Economic Zones (SEZs) policy, including acquisition of land were under consideration of the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) on SEZ issues and as an interim measure, consideration of new proposals for setting up SEZs had been

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put on hold. State-wise details of such proposals for setting up SEZs are given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	No. of new proposals received
1	Andhra Pradesh	23
2	Assam	1
3	Bihar	1
4	Chhattisgarh	2
5	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2
6	Delhi	4
7	Goa	14
8	Gujarat	25
9	Haryana	30
10	Himachal Pradesh	1
11	Jharkhand	2
12	Karnataka	41
13	Kerala	7
14	Madhya Pradesh	12
15	Maharashtra	75
16	Orissa	5
17	Punjab	4
18	Rajasthan	7
19	Tamil Nadu	46
20	Uttaranchal	1
21	Uttar Pradesh	25
22	West Bengal	27
	TOTAL :	355

(c) and (d) Various issues concerning the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) policy have been considered by the EGoM and it has been decided that the applications for SEZs may be processed for in principle & formal approvals and notifications subject to the condition that the State Governments would not undertake any compulsory acquisition of land for such SEZs. Further, Ministry of Rural Development has been requested to reformulate a comprehensive Land Acquisition Act to address all relevant issues and also to work out a comprehensive Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy ensuring livelihood from the project to at least one person from each displaced family.

Agriculture-based industries in SEZs

†3658. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision for strengthening the economic policy of the country only by setting up of industries in Special Economic Zones (SEZs);

(b) whether there is any consideration for strengthening the economic condition of the country by developing agriculture in the Special Economic Zones; and

(c) the status of agriculture-based industries in such zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 and the Special Economic Zone Rules, 2006 were operationalised with effect from 10th February 2006. The main objectives of the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) policy are generation of additional economic activity; promotion of exports of goods and services; promotion of investment from domestic and foreign sources; creation of employment opportunities and development of infrastructure facilities. In 100 new generation SEZs Investments over 35000 Crores have already taken place and over 32578 additional jobs have got created in a short time since operationalisation of the SEZ Act, 2005.

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